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RESPONSE

Sir,

In response to the Official Action mailed July 2, 2002 (Paper No. 3) which placed this application under an election/restriction requirement, kindly consider the following response.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are of record pending in this application. No claims are hereby amended, canceled or added. Hence, these claims 1-20 remain pending and in issue. Nevertheless, Applicants also hereby provide a provisional election of the system and method claims of Group I; namely claims 1-11 with traverse. Accordingly, Applicants will prosecute these Group I claims without prejudice to further traverse and/or petition, and/or rejoinder (see MPEP §821.04) of the Groups II and III claims at the appropriate time.